

Mikoyan Activities

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(Text) Havana--First Deputy Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Anastas Mikoyan and Cuban Minister for Industry Ernesto Guevara visited the people's estate of Guido Perez, 30 kilometers from Havana, where the final tests of new machines for the harvesting of sugar cane are held.

Neither the Americans nor the local landowners, who were bosses over sugar plantations ever thought about making the hard work at sugar plantations easier. The standing army of half a million unemployed guaranteed them abundant and cheap labor; and only profound revolutionary transformations which did away with unemployment in agriculture raised the pressing task of mechanizing work on sugar plantations. At the estate, Mikoyan was shown new machines for cutting, harvesting, and transporting sugar cane. These machines, designed on the basis of Soviet and Rumanian tractors, replace the manual labor of 55 workers each. On their way back to Havana, Anastas Mikoyan and Ernesto Guevara visited experimental shops where new sugar harvesting combines are being built.